

EXHIBIT A

ILLUSTRATIVE CALL FLOWS (USAGE-SENSITIVE ULS-ST RATE ELEMENTS)

The following call flows provide examples of application of usage sensitive UNE charges and reciprocal compensation. The call flows below depict the charges between **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC A. Charges to or from CLEC B (e.g., reciprocal compensation) to or from **SBC-AMERITECH** or CLEC A are pursuant to the charging arrangement(s) between the originating and terminating carriers.

Local Calls:

1. CLEC A (UNE) ULS-ST port originating and **SBC-AMERITECH** port terminating:

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – O Usage

Blended Transport Usage

SS7 Signalling

ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

2. **SBC-AMERITECH** port originating and CLEC A (UNE) ULS-ST port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – T Usage

SBC-AMERITECH is charged:

ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

3. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC B (UNE) terminating

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – O Usage

Blended Transport Usage

SS7 Signaling

4. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – O Usage

Blended Transport Usage

SS7 Signaling

ULS - T Usage

5. CLEC B (UNE) port originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – T Usage

6. CLEC (Resale services) Originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – T Usage

7. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC (Resale services) terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- Blended Transport Usage
- SS7 Signaling
- ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

8. CLEC A (UNE) port originating to CLEC (Facilities Based Network (FBN) terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- Blended Transport Usage
- SS7 Signaling

9. CLEC (FBN) Originating to CLEC A (UNE) Terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage

IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Calls:

10. CLEC A (UNE) port originating to IXC

If call is routed to IXC POP via direct-route (IXC FGD Trunking)—

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- SS7 Signaling

If call is routed to IXC POP via SBC-AMERITECH Tandem—

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- SS7 Signaling
- ULS-ST Common Transport Usage
- ULS-ST Tandem Usage

11. IXC to CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

If call is routed from IXC POP via direct-route (IXC FGD Trunking)—

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage

If call is routed from IXC POP via SBC-AMERITECH Tandem—

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage
- ULS-ST Common Transport Usage
- ULS-ST Tandem Usage